GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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NEW POST OFFICES IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices, branch sub-post offices proposed to be opened in the State of Jharkhand during the current financial year, district-wise;

(b) the number of post offices opened so far, both in urban or rural areas of the State;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve in postal services in the State;

(d) whether the Government also propose to modernize/expand the existing post offices in the State;

(e) if so, the details in this regard;

(f) the funds allocated for the purpose during the period; and

(g) the time by which these post offices are likely to be modernised/opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The Post Offices are opened on norm based justification subject to availability of resources, particularly sanction of posts of Gramin Dak Sewaks by the Government. The targets fixed in this regard district-wise for Jharkhand circle are shown in Annexure

(b) The number of post offices in the State category-wise is as under:

Category of Post Offices	Urban	Rural	Total
Head Post Offices	13	Nil	13
Deptl. Sub post offices	224	207	431
Extra deptl. Sub post offices	11	17	28
Extra deptl. Branch post offices	19	2552	2571
Total:	267	2776	3043

(c) to (e): The postal services in Jharkhand are satisfactory. Department has taken steps for total computerisation and modernisation of selected post offices as well as for provision of infrastructural equipments to 300 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices to improve the postal services in the state.

(f) Rs. 20 lakhs for modernisation and Rs. 24 lakhs for opening of post offices and Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras have been allotted during the current financial year 2001-2002 to Jharkhand Circle.

(g) It would be the endeavor of the Government to complete the above targets by 31st March-2002 subject to availability of resources.

ANNEXURE

SL.NO.	NAME OF DISTRICT	NO. OF DEPARTMENTAL SUB POST OFFICES	NO. OF EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL	TOTAL

BRANCH POST OFFICES

1.	RANCHI	NIL	05	05
2.	DUMKA	NIL	05	05
3.	DHANBAD	NIL	06	06
4.	SINGHBHUM	01	04	05
5.	HAZARIBAGH	NIL	04	04
6.	GIRIDH	NIL	03	03
7	PALAMAU	01	03	04
	TOTAL	02	30	32